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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1906.

OVERLOOKING the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the registration of Chinese partnerships, we introduced into our columns on Jan. 30th last a remark which appears to have misled the commercial community of Hongkong. We said a Bill securing certain results would be hailed with approval by the banks and business men dealing with the Chinese. This has given Singapore the erroneous impression that Hongkong is unanimously in favour of legislation in this direction. The *Straits Times* of Feb. 14th, which quotes our remarks in full, says:—

The *Daily Press* of Hongkong has been airing views critical of the commercial community of Singapore in regarding the Registration of Partnerships Bill. Hongkong, it seems, nurses views on the subject that are alien to those entertained by the majority of members of our local Chamber of Commerce. Possibly the community there does not understand the situation in the Straits and the effects that such legislation will probably have upon our commerce. It, therefore, may be well to elucidate, for the benefit of the northern Colony, our position in the premises, and that can be best done by quoting in extenso the speech on the subject by the Hon. A. Hattenbach, which embodies all the arguments against the measure but which has hitherto not been published in full.

Our contemporary then gives the text of a very long effort of oratory by the gentleman named, which we have read and considered, and in it found nothing to make us want to modify the opinions we expressed. Extraordinary pressure on our space prevents us going into the subject matter again; but we wish to forestall further criticisms of our former remark by briefly explaining the position in this Colony. So far as we understand it, the business community here would welcome any practicable legislation; but the general opinion of those in opposition is that at present such legislation is impracticable.

Hongkong is in exactly the same position as Calcutta on the matter; the scheme presented too many difficulties, and is, therefore, dropped until the man and the time shall arrive to whom and when difficulties will appear but as things to be surmounted. The report of 1901 states that the members of the Commission of Enquiry, with one exception, were agreed that legislation was inadvisable, "though for different reasons." That is the present position in Hongkong; the need continues to be felt, the principle is admitted, but the matter is shelved because of its apparent impracticability.

The 24th plague case was recorded yesterday.

The Y.M.C.A. members are holding a conference at the Y.M.C.A. building.

Teams from the Malay States and Uganda are to compete at Bisley this year.

The French mail of January 23rd was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Dr. Thompson's lecture on "Chinese Surgery: its History and Methods," on March 3rd, is being looked forward to with interest.

Colour-sergeants of the local garrison will be interested in the telegraphic report from London that an Army Order has been issued increasing the pay of colour-sergeants sixpence per day.

It has been semi-officially announced that Count Rax, German Minister at Tehran, replaces Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein at Peking. The latter is to succeed Count Arco Vally at Tokyo, who has been transferred to Athens.

A wireless message from off Gibraltar was last month transmitted to Portland, Maine, from the dry dock *Dacey*, now on its way to the Philippines. The distance is three thousand miles and it is claimed that this is a record in wireless telegraphy.

The number of Chinese residents abroad is estimated at 7,642,650, distributed as follows:—Formosa, 2,600,000; Siam, 2,500,000; Malay Peninsula, 985,000; Sunda Islands, 600,000; Hongkong, 274,543; All America, 272,829; Indo-China, 150,000; Philippines, 90,000; Mexico, 74,568; Burmah, 40,000; Australia, 30,000; Asiatic Russia, 25,000; Japan, 10,000; and Corea, 3,710.

Even the *Lancet* is frivolous on occasion. A sixteen year old girl, who is able to raise one eyebrow and to depress the other simultaneously and alternately, has been discovered by a correspondent of that medical authority, and he asks to know if there are any more like her. A Christmas gathering at Hongkong nine or ten weeks ago, a lady guest amused her friends by performing the same feat.

The Empress Dowager of China is exercising the greatest care and secrecy in the conduct of important affairs of State. She has instructed that all important memorials should be transmitted into the Palace before being submitted to the Throne, and that all important telegrams must be sent to her direct so as to prevent their contents being divulged. All secret Imperial edicts will, in future, be issued in Manchu and not in Chinese as heretofore.

By kind permission of Lt.-Colonel C. H. U. Price, D.S.O., and the Officers of the 129th D.C.O. Baluchis, the band of the regiment will play the following programme at the U.S.R. Club, Kowloon, to-day, commencing at 4 p.m.:—
Aria: "Lucia Di Lammermoor," Donizetti.
Fantasia: "Hibernian Bouquet," J. A. Kennedy.
Romance: "Revil A. Amour," G. P. Robertson.
Selection: "Reminiscences of Ireland," Fred. Selection: "Reminiscences of Ireland," Fred. Selection: "Reminiscences of Ireland," Fred.

The acting director of the German Colonial Department, the Hereditary Prince of Hohenzollern-Langenbourg, stated in the Reichstag, on Jan. 18th, that the difficulties with which German colonial policy had to contend in South-West Africa and East Africa had not failed to make an impression upon the natives of the Cameroons. The widespread ferment among the population was of such a character as to threaten the prospect of danger to German authority in that region. There was no cause for immediate alarm, but to be forewarned was to be forearmed. If the authorities had not feared the effect which might have been produced upon the natives, the Governor of the Cameroons would have been recalled some time ago. Herr von Puttkamer, however, had now been summoned home in order that he might report himself, and fuller information would become available upon his arrival.

NEW PACIFIC LINER COMING.

The Canadian Pacific Railway's *Monteagle*, which has been detached from the Company's Atlantic fleet to supplement their intermediate service on the Pacific, left England on the 20th instant for Hongkong via the Cape of Good Hope. Upon arrival here the finishing touches to her excellent new passenger accommodation will be given, and she will be ready to sail hence for Vancouver, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, on May 2nd, making her due destination on May 25th, as per schedule.

The *Monteagle* is a twin-screwed bilge keel steamship of 5,500 tons, has accommodation for 125 intermediate, also for 30 to 40 European steerage (3rd class) passengers. This vessel will be a decided acquisition to the already favourably known intermediate service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

FRANCE FIRM RE MOROCCO.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The French Government has resolved to refuse any further concessions; but the German Government is still anxious to prolong the Conference, in spite of the deadlock.

BRITISH NAVAL PUNISHMENTS.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Birching in the British Navy has been suspended.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

LONDON, February 22nd.

His Holiness the Pope, Pius X, who is in his 71st year, is showing signs of failing health.

THE NEXT BUDGET.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Asquith, has indicated the possibility that the Government may abolish the Coal Tax.

[This refers to a tax of one shilling per ton on exported coal, imposed in 1911.—ED.]

IRISH SECRETARY A HOME RULER.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The Rt. Hon. James Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has declared himself in favour of Home Rule.

ENORMOUS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The new Liberal Government has a majority of 318.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, February 20th.

Germany rejects the proposal made by France on the 19th inst. that the police should be officered by French and Spanish, saying that it is contrary to principles of internationalisation and the equality of the Powers.

THE LIBERALS AND THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, February 20th.

Lord Ripon, speaking in the House of Lords, said the Government accepted the Anglo-Japanese treaty in the spirit in which it was made, and firmly intended to strictly and readily carry out its obligations. In conclusion, he said that we were proud of any connection with a gallant nation like Japan.

KILLED BY THE PROPELLER.

On Wednesday morning the Indian watchman named Luito employed on the *Hongkong* at Kowloon was sent down by the master to clear the propeller of a rope which had become entangled. He did so, but while he was below the propeller was suddenly set in motion, with the result that a black stroke the unfortunate man on the back and right side. He was brought to the surface in an unconscious condition, but died on the way to Hongkong, where his body was conveyed to the hospital.

A NEW CLUB.

A junior club to meet the social requirements of young men, under the designation of St. George's Club with prospective quarters in the *Marine Street* has just been formed in Hongkong. Its office-bearers are as under:—Vice-President, Mr. A. Cunningham; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Captain J. Marchant, A.P.D.; Committee, Refreshment and Billiards, Messrs. G. Cunningham, J. A. Tarrant, T. Chee, A. E. Campbell; Dramatic, G. Burnett, E. A. M. Williams, A. T. Walston, J. Northam; Musical, H. K. Chambers, G. R. Edwards, F. S. Hayner, E. T. Chappell; Library, G. T. Lyle, and W. F. L. Adolph, and eight of the committee will act as ballotting committee.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 22nd at 12.5 p.m.—The barometer has fallen on the China coast and over Japan.

Pressure is highest over N.E. Japan, and low pressure extends over S. China and the Pacific towards S.W. Japan.

Moderate variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and moderate S.E. and S. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate S. winds; equally, showery.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, February 22nd.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

SAM HING v. S.S. "PAUL BEAU."

The plaintiff, coal merchants of 28 and 30, Pottinger Street, sued the *s.s. Paul Beau* to recover the sum of \$5,390.60 due for coal supplied on the credit of the said steamship.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, represented the defendant.

In delivering his reserved judgment, his Lordship said that the plaintiff in the shape of coal was supplied to the *Paul Beau*, a French steamer lying in this port. The order for coal was given to plaintiff by one, Kwok Yik-ting; he said the coal was for the ship, and no questions were asked as to who were her owners. Subsequently, the ship being within the jurisdiction of the court, proceedings in rem were instituted for necessary, the vessel being seized and bail given. The coal was ordered by Kwok Yik-ting as agent for the charterers, although the plaintiff did not know of this until some time afterwards. The bill was originally made out to the captain and owners of the steamer, but seemed subsequently to have been made out in the name of Messrs. Trevoix and Co., the lawful possession of the ship being in them, not in the owners. The contract in this case not having been made by the master, there was no question to which French law could apply. His Lordship then dealt with the questions of a maritime lien, the material man, and other points raised by counsel, and, in conclusion, said that as a master had a maritime lien for disbursements, the natural course for suppliers of necessities to adopt where there was a charter was that suggested in Williams and Bruce, page 187; to obtain from the master either an assignment of his right to bring an action of his disbursements in rem, or an equivalent undertaking guaranteeing that such action should be brought and carried out for the benefit of the material man, assuming that such assignment or guarantee were valid in law. Judgment would, therefore, be entered for the defendant with costs. On the counter claim for damages through being deprived of the ship's services when she was arrested, and through loss of interest upon the amount of bail, there would be judgment for the plaintiffs.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATION.

Re Hong Lok Hing Tai ex parte the debtors.
Mr. H. Hursthouse (of Messrs. Denney and Bowley), who appeared for the debtors, applied for an adjudication order, and that the Official Receiver be appointed trustee. The first meeting of creditors had been held, and at that meeting the creditors decided to pass no resolution, and an affidavit to the effect had been filed.

A QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

Re the Han Fuk Cheung firm ex parte the Hong Yuen Bank.
Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office) continued his application for payment of taxed costs of the *San Tin Chuen* firm. He said the application was made under section 33, sub-section 2 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, and was previously adjourned in order that the Official Receiver might file a report as to the bankruptcy. Mr. Wakeman had done so, and opposed this application, his contention being that (Mr. Dixon) instead of issuing the present proceedings should have at once made the firm bankrupt.

His Lordship—Who are the creditors who made them bankrupt?

Mr. Dixon—The Hong Yuen bank.

His Lordship—When was this action begun?

Mr. Dixon—On October 25th, and I attached the property on the same day. The Official Receiver says that instead of instituting my writ I should have taken bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Wakeman—That is so, my Lord; as the managing partner of the firm absconded from the Colony.

Mr. Dixon—The fact of the managing partner absconding from the Colony is not evidence that the firm had committed such an act of bankruptcy as would entitle me to file a bankruptcy petition against them.

His Lordship—That raises the question I referred to the other day under this status.

Mr. Wakeman—I think that point is settled by section 6 of sub-section 1.

His Lordship—This is a case in which a partner has the management of the business?

Mr. Dixon—Yes, my Lord. And it was a partner who absconded from the Colony. I knew the managing partner had run away and that there was danger of the property being disposed of or attached by the other creditors if I did not issue a writ; therefore, I attached it.

His Lordship—What is your point? Is it that the absconding of the managing partner is not sufficient evidence of an act of bankruptcy?

Mr. Dixon—Yes, my Lord.

Mr. Wakeman—I submit that it is, my Lord, under section 6.

His Lordship—And you say it was in fact the act of bankruptcy in this case.

Mr. Wakeman—That is so, my Lord; and what Mr. Dixon should have done was to have filed a petition and got an interim receiving order.

His Lordship—Would that have done as well?

Mr. Wakeman—Yes, my Lord. I should have gone into possession immediately.

His Lordship—Well, I must consider the application. The case is adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

A DISPUTED BALANCE.

Dolla Huard sued Marion Jaggell to recover the sum of \$345, balance due for money lent.

Mr. R. F. C. Master (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) represented the defendant.

Mr. Master stated that the plaintiff lent the defendant a sum of money in Huntingdon, West Virginia, U.S.A. sometime last July. At that place the plaintiff and defendant met several times, and defendant eventually informed the plaintiff that she wished to go to her brother in Manila. The plaintiff promised to take her as far as Hongkong and pay the rest of her passage and all incidental expenses connected with the journey. The defendant did not go to Manila, but remained in Hongkong. She had paid plaintiff on account a sum of \$400, and also signed an I.O.U. for a certain sum, part of which they were now claiming.

Mr. Grist said he had filed a special defence in the action. They had paid \$85 into court without admitting legal liability.

After hearing the evidence, his Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs, and ordered the money paid into court to be paid out.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

February 21st.

VICEROY RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION.
Viceroys Shun has received a telegram from Peking informing him that his name has been inscribed on the records of the Consulate, with a note to the effect that he has rendered good services to the State and deserves promotion. This list is presented to the Throne every three years by the Board of the Censors.

CANTONESE STUDENTS' STRIKE.
A letter received from Peking announces that all the Cantonese students there are on strike as a protest against the action taken by Viceroys Shun in connection with the railway affairs, and that they have requested the Inspector General of Colleges, Chang, to memorialise the Throne on their behalf and state their grievances.

A BIG SUBSCRIPTION.
The Chamber of Commerce has received a cablegram from Singapore stating that two very wealthy Chinese, surnamed Cheung and Wong, of the Kaiting Islands, have subscribed for \$12,400,000 worth of shares between them. They would like to have official confirmation that the merchants alone will control the construction of the line before they remit the money to Canton.

KWANG-SI TROUBLES.
The Central Government has cabled to Viceroys Shun to send a large army to quash the rising in Kwang-si and to furnish a list of all the officials who have allowed themselves incapable during the last campaign in Kwang-si, so that they may be cashiered.

ANIMAL DISEASES.
The damp weather has brought on epidemic amongst cattle and pigs, a great many having died recently. It is reported that the flesh of these diseased animals is being sold in the city. The police have received instruction to prevent the sale of such meat and to arrest the offenders.

LATE MAILS.
The foggy weather has been making Hongkong steamers late; they have been arriving between eleven and noon. The French mail was delivered here at about 12 o'clock yesterday.

MR. GRIMBLE ON HANDEL.

Last night the members of the Union Church Literary Club had the pleasure and profit of hearing "the best pianist in the Far East" lecture on "the greatest composer in the world." Mr. George Grimbale's lecture proved him an unstinting admirer of Handel, of whom Arbutnot said to Pope, "Conceive the highest you can of his abilities, and they are much beyond anything you can conceive." The lecturer amply sketched the well-known life of the illustrious Saxon, introducing interesting comments on his contemporaries and their work, not forgetting Handel's connection with English music. The lecturer dealt with various compositions to show that Handel was a bit of a symbolist, although he did not use that objectionable word; and he contemptuously ignored the new school of criticism which regards the "Hallelujah Chorus" as mere stridors. As a performer, Mr. Grimbale said, only Bach could beat him; and as a choral composer, Handel had no peer.

The musical illustrations of the lecture were highly appreciated, and we should like to make special mention of Mrs. Gordon's rendering of "He was despised," and Mrs. Maitland's singing of that "matchless melody," "Come unto Him." Mrs. Gordon's forte was demonstrated once and for all to be sacred music. Mr. Joki's violin parts were quite in keeping with his now high reputation. The other pleasure-giving illustrations were by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Austin, and Mr. Paine.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Monday, the 19th Feb., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual route of call.

The G.N. Line str. *Minacata* left Yokohama for this port on the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m.

SWIMMING IN THE NAVY.

[WRITTEN FOR THE "DAILY PRESS."] In the latest Naval and Military news from England it appears that the question of ability to swim is again being raised by the Admiralty in connection with the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, and the more the necessity for this accomplishment is insisted upon the better for the general efficiency of those men whose life is spent upon the water; but surely the old expressions "prevention is better than cure," or a "stretch in time saves nine," apply here. In all the regulations for admission of officers of every class, executive, marine and civil, the ability to swim well is a necessity before even the claim to appointment is considered by the Lords of the Admiralty. Take the following, for example, from regulations respecting examination for first appointments to the Royal Marines:—

"Candidates who are selected for appointment to the Royal Marines must as a condition of entry produce a certificate of their ability to swim, otherwise they will be ineligible." Practically the same wording is employed regarding other officers of the fleet, so that it should be noted that, as regards officers, at all events, there can be no necessity for the repeated issue of orders regarding swimming instruction. Considering the number of Naval establishments for the training of the personnel of the Navy, it would appear more efficacious to first have the recruit taught to swim as a matter of routine before embarking him in a seagoing ship. This would obviate the necessity for putting the onus of swimming instruction upon commanding officers of ships besides throwing a better light upon the Admiralty's ability to suitably train men entered for Naval service. After the enormous expenditure upon naval training and materials to effect it, it does sound somewhat ridiculous that, in these latter days, the Admiralty should have neglected the use of water (which costs nothing) for preliminary instruction in notation and have re-discovered the fact that "in view of the large proportion of men still serving in the Fleet who are unable to swim" their Lordships impress upon commanding officers the necessity and importance of taking advantage of every opportunity to provide the necessary instruction. The responsibility lies upon the Admiralty, and should there be any doubt which is the most advantageous opportunity for imparting universal instruction we would suggest that the opportunity occurs but once, and that is when such man is young and when he first joins the service.

Those who recollect the *Victoria* disaster may call to mind the curious nonsense published under the heading of "inability to swim" by the English press, correspondence upon which subject apparently revealed the fact that the mortality on that occasion amongst marines and stokers was due to their being unable to swim. The Admiralty actually took notice of the statements made and issued stringent orders dealing with the men of these two branches quite oblivious of the fact that these gallant fellows were at their places of duty before and were cut to pieces or otherwise destroyed by the machinery, or that, so far as marines were concerned, all men were in accordance with the Admiralty's own instruction, taught swimming as part of their recruits' course and practised twice weekly during spring and summer on shore and frequently when embarked in H.M. ships at sea. Any misunderstanding, however, on this important exercise can be set to rights, if necessary, at once. Those who lay down the curriculum for attainments necessary to permit a man to stay in the service should have the forethought and be capable of making such arrangements as to ensure efficiency and not, if such arrangements have been neglected by themselves as responsible authorities, to discover inefficiency as an afterthought.

"WAVING PLUME."

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, February 22nd.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

STEALING A WATCH.
An engine-man on board the *s.s. Empress of Japan* was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours in the stocks for stealing a watch the property of A. J. Huskin, extra second officer.

ALLEGED MURDER.
Rasdo Antonio Riva and Rosa Giovanni Giachino, the two Italians who have been remanded week after week since December on a charge of murdering a comrade within the jurisdiction of the Italian Consul at Mongtze, in Yunnan province, were again brought up.

Chev. Volpicelli, the Italian Consul, appeared in support of the demand for their extradition, the prosecution being conducted by Captain Superintendent Radeley.

P. S. Watt spoke to arresting the prisoners on December 11th last on board the French ship *Proton*.

Documentary evidence in French and Italian was read, after which a deposition by the first defendant was read. In this he said that the deceased, who was named Beanti, quarrelled with the second defendant after a drinking bout. Defendant interfered, and Beanti drew a revolver, and pointed it at witness. It missed fire and defendant after a struggle got possession of the weapon. Beanti attempted to draw a second revolver and failing to get it out of his pocket struck defendant. Beanti followed, and then they went to bed. Next morning Beanti said he had been out during the night, and falling smashed his head. Beanti subsequently died of a fractured skull.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

To-night the Bandmann Opera Company begin a week's entertainment in Hongkong. The opening production is the very successful musical comedy "Tidy Madcap," and as the company is of greater numerical proportion than those usually seen in the East their claims for support should not be in vain.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber on February 22nd.

PRESENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, MAJOR SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.
HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM HATTON, C.B. (General Officer Commanding the Troops).
Hon. Mr. T. SHERIDAN SMITH (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Sir H. B. BARKLEY, K.C. (Attorney-General).
Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. A. W. BARNES (Registrar-General).
Hon. Captain L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (Harbour Master).
Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai M.B., C.M., C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. GERSHON STEWART.
Hon. Mr. WEI YUK.
Hon. Mr. C. W. DICKSON.
Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Councils).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ADDRESS.

Before business commenced, His Excellency, in an address to the Council, said:—(Colonization, the need for the meeting of the Council today is due to the requirements of Ordinance No. 6 of 1897, and that the Jury List for the year, which comes into force on March 1st, should previously be considered by the Council. It is also necessary today to continue the Summoning of Chinese Ordinance of 1899, which expires on the 30th March. This Ordinance enables the Registrar-General to summon Chinese from the New Territories for the purpose of any inquiry into matters concerning the inhabitants of these territories. It is not often used, but it is desirable to have the power of summoning, and the Registrar-General has requested that it should be continued for at any rate another two years. Advantage is taken of the meeting today to ask the Council to vote the sums entered in the Finance Minutes Nos. 1 to 5 that are before you. The first of these is a vote for the sum of \$8,000 to meet the expenditure in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught. I authorized this expenditure being incurred with the full confidence that the vote would be passed by the Council. (Hear, hear.) The second Finance Minute deals with the payment for services rendered last year by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. After the present year and in future years this payment will be considerably reduced by the establishment of direct communication between the Harbour Office and the various signalling stations from which the approach of ships is signalled. Provision for this direct communication has, as you will remember, been made in the estimates for the year. Finance Minute No. 3 is on account of the new rifle range which it is proposed to establish on the Peak, mainly for the use of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association. This is in pursuance of the general policy of the Government, a policy which, I am glad to say, has received the support of the public, to extend as much as possible the practice of rifle shooting in the Colony. Finance Minute No. 4 consists of two parts, of which the first, \$25,201, is a revote of sums voted last year for extraordinary public works which were not completed during the year. Such a revote is necessary for this year if it were not possible to spend the exact amount sanctioned. Last year the revote amounted to \$71,836, while this year, as I have stated, it is \$65,201. There is a further vote in the same Finance Minute of \$6,023 to cover some additional amounts hitherto provided for the Bacteriological Institute, the Gunpowder Depot at Green Island, and the improvement of the Green Island Light, all of which new services have been completed. By this small additional vote no excess is involved on the approved total estimates. A further amount of \$2,000 is for compensation to the owners of certain lands at Lyman, compensation necessitated by the exchange of lands with the War Department. The fifth Finance Minute is for a sum of \$3,040 to cover the cost of furnishing the officers' quarters erected at Tai Po. Those quarters are occupied by junior officers who could ill afford the expense of furnishing the house themselves, and it is proposed to charge them five per cent. on the value of the furniture which will be made available for them. The last Finance Minute is for the small sum of \$60 for the rent of the house in Tai Po village where the Government dispenser resided. It had been suggested that this should be provided for in the buildings which it is proposed to erect for the magistrates of Tai Po, but it was ultimately decided to continue the house in the village as being more accessible to the Chinese villagers who sought the services of the dispenser. In addition to this financial business and the other business which I have referred to, four bills are down to be read a first time. They will not be proceeded with until the legislative programme for the year is ready. As they have been drafted, I thought it advisable to have them introduced so as to give honourable members as much time as possible in which to study them. The first of these bills is the Summary Offences Further Amendment Ordinance of 1906, the object of which is to confine the Summary Offences Amendment Ordinance, which was passed last year, to the main purposes of that ordinance—to stop the solicitation by prostitutes in the streets. Hon. members may recollect that on the second reading of the Ordinance of last year an amendment was introduced which extended its scope by making police regulations which applied to public streets applicable also to private streets.

This was introduced by the Attorney General on the second reading of the bill, and the bill was ultimately passed *unanimously*. I was afterwards informed by the senior unofficial member of the Council that the non-official members had not understood the amendment and were opposed to it. I need not say that the members of the Government did not wish them to vote in favour of a bill which they did not understand, and in consequence I proposed that the Ordinance should now be amended so as to restrict its scope to what I said was the main purpose of the bill. The second bill before you is for an amendment of the Magistrates' Ordinance. Mr. Gompertz, who was acting as police magistrate some time, made out a list before he went home of suggestions with regard to the jurisdiction and power of magistrates. Advantage was taken last session of the amendment to the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance to adopt one of these suggestions. The other suggestions which he put forward are embodied in the present bill, the details of which will be explained by the Attorney General when the bill is read a second time. With regard to the Lunatic Asylums Bill, the Government has been advised that while there is authority at common law for the detention of lunatics, it will be as for to make statutory provision for such detention. This bill is intended to make that provision. The necessity for the Lunatics Ordinance Bill arises from the fact that the powers of the Supreme Court in relation to the persons and estates of lunatics have hitherto been conferred by the Imperial Enactments Extension Ordinance of 1856, which extended the Lunacy Regulations Act of 1853 to this Colony. The Lunacy Regulation Act of 1853 has since been superseded by the Lunacy Act of 1890. That supersession does not involve *ipso facto* the supersession of the earlier by the later Ordinance, and the Chief Justice has advised that a new Act should now take the place of the former Acts in the legislature of the Colony.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, I have the honour to lay on the table Finance Minutes Nos. 1 to 5, and beg to move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Hon. COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the report on the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund for the year 1905, and the report on the teaching of Hygiene in the schools of Hongkong.

SUMMONING OF CHINESE ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL—I rise to move the following resolution:—

Whereas by section 5 of "The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899" (No. 12 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council, and whereas such operation has been continued by Resolution of this Council until the 30th day of March, 1906, inclusive: It is hereby resolved by this Council that "The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899," shall be further continued in operation for the further period of two years from the 31st day of March, 1906, inclusive.

After the explanation which your Excellency has tendered to the Council of the necessity for this resolution continuing this Ordinance, I need not occupy the time of the Council with any remarks. I will satisfy myself by moving the resolution I have read to the Council.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

QUESTIONS.

Notice of the following questions had been given:—

By Hon. Mr. GERSHON STEWART—Will the Government take into consideration the advisability of approaching the Proprietors of the "City Hall" with a view to acquiring the "Building" in order that it may be altered to meet the necessity of the growing community?

By Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK—Will the Government state what steps are being taken to educate the Chinese tenants of houses in the principles of sanitation and ventilation which are applicable to the houses in which they live?

For what purpose was Robinson Road, Kowloon, opened up and on what date? When is it anticipated that the work will be completed and the road restored to its proper state?

Will the Government state what steps they have taken, and what further steps they intend to take and when, in connection with the installation of a system of fire-alarms? Will the Government also state what is the estimated cost of such installation?

Will the Government state what progress has been made with the works for the extension of water storage at Tyta m and at Tyta m Tuk and at Kowloon? Will the Government also state what steps are being taken to complete the works?

When is it anticipated that—(a) the New Post Office, (b) the New Law Courts, will be completed?

Is it the intention of the Government to make a road from the top Tram Station to Plantation Road? If so, when? What is the estimated cost of such road?

Will the Government procure and lay before the Council an estimate of the cost of prolonging Kennedy Road in a south-easterly direction from the point of its junction with the Wanchoi Gap Road so that it may lead down to the Race Course at the back of the Mahomedan Cemetery?

Will the Government procure and lay upon the table an estimate of the cost of continuing Harlech Road round the north side of Victoria Peak—(a) back to Victoria Gap, (b) to Barker Road.

The Hon. Mr. GERSHON STEWART—I beg to ask the question standing in my name.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—The answer to the question put by the hon. member is "Yes." (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK—I beg to ask the questions standing in my name.

ANSWERS TO HON. MR. H. E. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said—In reply to question No. 1, no steps are being taken to educate the Chinese tenants of houses, but instruction in Hygiene has been introduced into the curriculum of most Government and Grant-in-Aid Schools in the Colony, with the results in the first year that are set forth in the paper laid on the table this afternoon.

In reply to question No. 2.—Since the 12th of July, 1904, when a similar question was asked by the Honourable member for the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Honourable member for the Justices of the Peace, Mr. Woodhouse, Assistant Superintendent of Police, whilst on leave in 1905 has made inquiries in London as to the system of fire alarms in use by a Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and reported that the system was not considered to be entirely satisfactory. Reference was then made to Singapore to learn how the "Gamewell System" reported to be in operation there was working. The reply after some delay was that there was no fire alarm system of any kind in Singapore. It is proposed, to instruct Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who is going on leave this spring to make full inquiries into the system in vogue in Great Britain and Ireland but until his report is received no estimate of the cost can be framed. The answers to the other questions will be given by the Hon. Director of Public Works.

The Hon. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, replying to question No. 2, said:—The question is understood to refer to a trench recently opened from Middle Road northwards for a distance of about 170 yards. It is for the purpose of raising a water main consequent upon the level of the road having been raised. It was not possible to carry out this work simultaneously with the construction of storm water drains and sewers recently undertaken. The opening was begun on the February 8th and it is anticipated that the work will be completed and the road restored to its proper state by the 3rd March.

Tydam Tuk Scheme—First Section.—The dam, which will be about 90 feet in height above ground level, has been constructed for fully half its height. The new road is far advanced about 3/4 of a mile of main has been laid and erection of the pumping engines is about to begin. It is anticipated that the whole of the works will be completed by the end of this year and that the dam will be completed in time to enable the reservoir to be filled during the coming wet season. Tydam Tuk Scheme—Second Section.—Surveys in connection with the preparation of working drawings are proceeding. Kowloon Water Works—Gravitation Scheme.—The dam, which will be about 100 feet in height above ground level, has been constructed for half its height. The main from the storage reservoir to the service reservoir is nearly completed and will shortly be utilized for conveying the water from several personal streams, then materially increasing the present supply. The filter beds and catchwater are in progress. It is anticipated that the whole of the works will be completed by the middle of next year, but will be so far advanced as to afford a sufficient supply for present requirements by next dry season.

In reply to question No. 5.—It is anticipated that both buildings will be completed by the end of 1906.

In reply to question No. 6.—By arrangement with the owners of the Peak Hotel, a portion of the road referred to, where it affects their property, is to be made new. When this arrangement has been fulfilled, the Government will complete the road. The estimated cost of doing this is \$8,300.

With regard to question No. 7, the question of improved communications in the locality referred to is at present receiving the attention of Government and the suggestion of the Hon. member will be considered.

In reply to question No. 8, I have to state that the cost is roughly estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000. As there is no prospect of funds being available in the near future to carry out this work—which is not of great public importance, it is not considered advisable at present to incur the expense of making the surveys preliminary to forming a detailed estimate.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—With reference to the answer of the Hon. Director of Public Works to the last question, might I ask whether this estimate includes taking the road to Victoria Gap?

The Hon. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—Assuming the hon. member refers to only one of these alternatives being adopted the estimates will not be affected by the change.

SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Summary Offences (Amendment) Ordinance, 1906, be read a first time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that an Ordinance further to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, be read a first time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the first reading of the Ordinance to provide for the establishment of Lunatic Asylums.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

JURISDICTION OF SUPREME COURT.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Ordinance relating to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court be read a first time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to. The Council then adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held—the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The following votes were approved:—

THE ROYAL VISIT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$8,000 to meet the expenses incurred by the Treasurer of the Reception Committee and for illuminating the public buildings in connection with the visit to this Colony of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of six hundred and eighty-one dollars and sixty cents (\$681.60) in aid of the Miscellaneous Services, Telegraph Service—Contribution in connection with Signalling Vessels and Messages to Observatory.

RIFLE RANGE AT THE PEAK.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,250) in aid of the Public Works Extraordinary, Rifle Range at the Peak.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of sixty-five thousand two hundred and one dollar and fourteen cents (\$65,201.14) the vote—Public Works Extraordinary for the following items:—

Bacteriological Institute	\$2,844.94
Government Civil Hospital—Extension of Staff Quarters	31,000.00
Gunpowder Depot, Green Island	14,389.56
Harbour Office	6,826.53
Post Office, Shanghai	15,000.00
School, Yau-mai	1,282.00
Tai Po, Quarters for Officers	5,086.00
Volunteer Headquarters (Contribution)	24.56
Miscellaneous Drainage Works	326.85
Kowloon Roads	5,690.00
Kowloon Light Improvement	88.92
Kowloon-Canton Railway—Survey and Preliminary work	10,532.68
Total	\$65,201.14

Bacteriological Institute	1,920.00
Gunpowder Depot, Green Island	310.00
Green Island Light Improvement	1,900.00
Compensation to Lessees of Quarries D. 16 and D. 17, Lyman	2,000.00
Total	\$6,020.00

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I should like to ask a few questions. The first is, When is the Gunpowder Depot at Green Island to be completed?

The Hon. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—It is completed now, and occupied.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—What about the Harbour Office?

The Hon. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—The Harbour Office will be finished in a few months.

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three thousand and forty dollars (\$3,040) in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments for the following items:—

Magistrates, New Territories, Other Charges, Furnishing of the New Tai Po Quarters	\$1,550.00
Land Registry Office, New Territories, Other Charges, Furnishing of the New Tai Po Quarters	1,520.00
Total	\$3,040.00

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of sixty dollars (\$60) in aid of the vote, Medical Department—Other Charges, B.—Hospitals and Asylums, New Territory, Rent of Temporary Dispensary at Tai Po.

When the Council resumed the jury list for 1906 was considered in camera.

This was all the business.

"HUSTLE" IN THE EAST.

After an interval of twenty years, the editor of the *Strait Times* has left Singapore for a twelve-month holiday in England. At a "read-off" dinner, attended by all the Singapore pressmen, some interesting comments were made. The Rev. N. J. Courvoisier, who submitted the toast of the local press, He said it always appeared to him to be a difficult matter to fill a newspaper without offending some party. Every reader was a good one; and he was frequently observed that the greater the ignorance of the reader, the more severe was his criticism. He then referred in satisfactory terms to the harmony that existed among the pressmen in Singapore, and congratulated them upon the fact that they did all that lay in their power to enlighten the community on matters of public importance. The local press had never been genuine in all its criticism and he had never known of any case, at any rate within recent years, where the editors had been censured or "pulled over the coals," for having overstepped the boundary of fair play. He was proud of that fact, because it showed that the local press was wholesome and pure (applause).

In replying to the toast, Mr. Herbert Lee thanked the Rev. N. J. Courvoisier for his kind observations, and for the tribute he had paid to the local press. He pointed out that there was a vast difference in the character of the press of Singapore and that of England. In England there was a tendency to hustle; here more conservatism was shown. But it must be understood that in the East circumstances existed which militated against the successful working of a free enterprise. They were all necessary to found it into their ears often enough, or let it flare before their dull eyes with persevering magnanimity. The trick is bound to succeed—in time. To be constantly assured of a thing is to end in believing it.

KODAKS AT HOME PRICE.

No. 3 FOLDING POCKET KODAK (23-12-64) \$28.00
" 4 CARTRIDGE " (25-15-0) \$60.00

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PER CASE 12 BOTTLES \$32.00
" 24 BOTTLES \$34.00

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H. PRICE & CO.,

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12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-seventh ordinary meeting on March 8th is as follows:—

The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to December 31st last.

1904.—The balance at credit of working account as per last report was ... \$260,374.35
Add premium since received ... 46,680.41

Deduct claims paid ... \$151,220.61
Deduct return premium, etc., etc. ... 24,385.86

Balance of profit ... \$131,448.29

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—

\$120,000 to shareholders as dividend for the year, at the rate of \$6 per share, and the balance of \$11,448.29 to credit of extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$229,488.02.

1905.—The balance at credit of working account at the close of this year was \$344,088.98, which is a satisfactory increase compared with the previous report.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. R. Shawan and Mr. N. A. Sicks retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

A. G. WOOD, Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT.
1st January by 31st December, 1905.

To charges account:—	
Rent, salaries, legal and surveyors' fees, taxes, stamp, stationery, etc.	41,338.86
Directors' and auditors' fees	7,400.00
To commission account:—	
Agents' commissions	41,773.13
To exchange account:—	
Differences in exchange	2,972.48
To losses account, B. 5:—	
Claims after deduction of re-insurances	68,216.24
To amount written off:—	
Furniture account	100.00
To balance	344,088.98
Total	\$505,931.69

By premium account:—

Premiums after deduction of re-insurances	371,162.46
By interest account:—	
Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, etc.	134,630.00
By transfer for account:—	
Amount at credit	139.14
Total	\$505,931.69

BALANCE SHEET
31st December 1905.

Capital account	\$50,000.00
Reserve fund	1,000,000.00
Extra reserve fund	229,488.02
Investment fluctuation account	2,616.75
Accounts payable	
Dividend for 1904	120,000.00
Losses outstanding and claims	21,086.48
Total	\$1,812,584.25

Working account, 1905:—

Balance at credit	\$344,088.98
Total	\$2,117,293.33

ASSETS.

Cash at bankers	\$ c.
Fixed deposits at banks	\$ c.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	197,935.53
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	80,000.00
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	20,000.00
International Banking Corporation	25,000.00
Total	\$272,935.53

LIABILITIES.

Chinese Imperial Government R. bonds	76,038.53
Hongkong Club debentures	37,100.00
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, debentures	50,000.00
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited, debentures	49,877.40
Singapore Waterworks Co., Limited, debentures	8,472.22
Shares in public companies	132,895.00
Total	\$354,403.15

Loans on mortgage:—

On properties in Hongkong	\$1,373,309.00
Furniture account	
Office furniture, etc.	943.10
Accounts receivable	
Premiums due from agencies, interest due on deposits and investments, etc.	90,253.37
Total	\$2,117,293.33

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BRITISH SHIPBUILDING CAPTURED.

Among our insular industries, there is none that occupies a more important position than the shipbuilding. Therefore, even the most thorough-going Cobdenite must experience grave misgiving on receiving proof after proof that this great English industry is in course of transfer to the foreigner, and that, ten, at an accelerated speed. In order to escape the prohibitory Italian tariff on imported tonnage, Messrs. Thornycroft have decided to transfer to Genoa and Naples the order they lately received from the Roman Government for fifteen torpedo boats. It is further announced that for the future all motor boats and motor vehicles ordered from the same quarter will be executed by Italian labour, instead of at Chiswick as heretofore. The firm will restrict its part to preparing designs, and after these are put into shape they will be dispatched to British shipbuilders who have planted yards on the Italian littoral. The whole system, it will be observed, rests on the theory of Cobdenism. Messrs. Thornycroft produce their goods in a cheap labour country and sell their goods in an artificially protected market at much more remunerative profits than would accrue if they had to pay the import duties. All the same, there is no getting away from the fact that the British artisan, despite his superior skill, is being ousted by the foreign craftsman. Unhappily, shipbuilding is not the only English industry thus injured by the hostile foreign tariffs. It is reported that Messrs. Vickers and Maxims have just transferred to an Italian firm at Terni for execution an order for guns they lately received from the postulated Government. Yet, in presence even of these portents,

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MR. WILLIAM WILSON is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

TAIT & Co.
Amoy, 6th February, 1906. 475

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. 476

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. M. BECK, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, On TUESDAY, the 27th February, 1906, at 2 p.m., within his residence "DURPOIN," The Peak, THE WHOLE OF THE VALLU ABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Terms—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. 477

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship "HAITAN," Captain J. S. ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAMPAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1906. 472

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship "PALAMCOTTA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. Friday, the 23rd inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1906. 473

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FROM JAVA PORTS AND MACASSAR.

THE J. C. J. L. Steamship "TJIMAH," Captain de Brouwer, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge and/or Cargo left on board after the 24th inst., will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

The steamer will be despatched for Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama on the 25th inst.

Head Agency of the JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE, Tork Buildings, 1st floor.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1906. 474

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "DIOMED,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 1st March.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st March will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th March, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1906. 1910

THE HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE SCOTTISH HISTORY EXAMINATION (advertised in August last) for CHILDREN of Scottish Parents, will be held in the CITY HALL on THURSDAY, 8th March.

Names of intending Competitors should be sent to the undersigned, who will be pleased to supply any further particulars which may be required.

W. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Secretary (Care of Butterfield and Swire).

Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. 423

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LD.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, St. George's Building, Victoria, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 24th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 20th February, until SATURDAY, the 24th February, both days inclusive.

SHAWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. 362

Hongkong, 6th February, 1906.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 24th day of February, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. 334

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th, to the 24th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. 333

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. 319

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, King's Buildings, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st February to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. 411

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order, C. PEMBERTON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. 399

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Resolutions set out below, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Sixteenth day of February, 1906, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

By Order of the Board, JAMES WHITTALL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1906.

RESOLUTIONS:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders to the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905 shall be called for by, or presented to, the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders to the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905 shall be called for by, or presented to, the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

W. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Secretary (Care of Butterfield and Swire).

Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. 423

NOTICES OF FIRMS

L'URBAINE FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF PARIS.

WE have THIS DAY RESIGNED the AGENCY at this Port of the above Fire Insurance Co.

P. LEMAIRE & Co.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. 148

L'URBAINE FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF PARIS.

HAVING been Appointed, This Day, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Insurance Co., we are prepared to accept Risks at Current Rates.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., 3, Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. 149

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the Absence of Mr. Geo. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been Appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. G. WOOD, Chairman.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. 309

INTIMATIONS

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. 140

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are in receipt of telegraphic advice to the effect that the s.s. "LOTHIAN," which sailed hence for New York on the 14th December last, has put into Malta for repairs, and that it will be necessary for the steamer to dry dock there before proceeding on her voyage to New York.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. 146

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Hongkong, 17th May, 1905. 122

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Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. 2807

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WM. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. 147

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 24th February, 1906, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALER ROOMS, Queen's Road, JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising—

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TERMS of SALE—As Customary. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. 463

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the CAPT. SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, to sell by Public Auction On MONDAY, the 26th February, 1906, at 11 a.m., at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION'S COMPOUND, SUNDRY OBSOLETE & CONDEMNED STORES.

Comprising:—RICE, SUGAR, OLD METAL, CLOTHING, &c., &c., &c. Also, A QUANTITY of SILVER, GOLD and DIAMOND JEWELRY.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. 454

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1906, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years commencing from the 22nd day of January, 1906, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
100	At the intersection of the Victoria Road and the New Territories Road, New Territories.	100	100	100	100

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TO LET.

No. 74, CAINE ROAD. No. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to—COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 380

TO LET.

TWO LARGE OFFICES on the First Floor of No. 34, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Post Office. Possession on or after the 10th December, 1905. Apply to—WONG CHEE SANG, Care of YEE SANG FAT & Co. Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. 107

TO LET.

SEVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late F. Blackhead & Co. and Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Office. Ground Floors and Top Floors with Godowns can be let separately on leases. Apply to—CHUNG SHUN KOO, First Floor, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 19th July, 1905. 51

TO LET.

GOOD HOUSE, Partly Furnished. III District. Apply—"K." Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. 409

TO LET.

SPACIOUS GODOWN. Central position. Apply to—X. X. X., Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. 108

TO LET.

No. 15, KNUTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. 177

TO LET.

BARROW TERRACE, (Kowloon) Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. SEYMOUR ROAD LOWER, No. 31. CAINE ROAD, No. 39. S'ONEHAVEN, Robinson Road, No. 35. TANG YUEN, McDonnell Road, No. 18 (12 Rooms). ICE HOUSE STREET, No. 6 (1st Floor, 4 Rooms). WAN CHAI ROAD, No. 91 (a Spacious Godown). PRAYA EAST, No. 93, (Godown). Apply to—SAM WANG CO., LD., 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. 306

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No. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon, Five Roomed House; Tannin Court, Electric and Gas Lights. Possession on 1st March, 1906. Apply to—ARATTON V. APCAR & Co., 45, Wyndham Street. Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. 462

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No. 1, DES VIGUE VILLAS, Peak. Nos. 5, 6 & 21, BELILIOS TERRACE. No. 2, DES VIGUE VILLAS, Peak. No. 2, COLLEGE GARDENS. No. 4, ALBANY. "EARNFOOT," 31, Robinson Road. Furnished for 6 months. With Electric Light and Fan. Apply to—BROCKHURST, PEAK, from 1st March, 1906.

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TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS, at East Point, close to the Water, suitable for the Storage of any Cargo. Floor Area, 6,103 square feet each. Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Hongkong, 20th January, 1906. 256

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 20th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 28th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 28th March.	

HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT DEDE"	On 27th February.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 13th March.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 27th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 24th April.	

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HAWAII	"OANFA"	On 25th February.	

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, and PACIFIC COAST	"OANFA"	On 25th February.	

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E. A. HEWETT,

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906.

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW and AMOI	"S. TAGAMI"	at 10 A.M.	
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SAILING DATES.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 28th February
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 14th March
BAFFIN	WEDNESDAY 28th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 11th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 25th April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 23rd May
ROON	WEDNESDAY 6th June

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return 68 0 0 38 0 0 27 0 0
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	SAILING DATES
WILHELMAD	TUESDAY, 6th March.
PIRZ VALDEMAR	TUESDAY, 3rd April.
PIRZ SIGISMUND	TUESDAY, 1st May.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YAMAGUCHI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and MANILA	Friday, 2nd March.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	Wednesday, 14th March.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YAMAGUCHI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and MANILA	Wednesday, 14th March.

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Steamers to	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
COLOMBO	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES & LONDON	PLYMOUTH
			(Brindisi 2 days earlier)	(London 1 day later)
TONS	Leave	TONS	Leave	Leave
DELHI ... 8000	Feb. 24	MOLDAVIA ... 10000	Mar. 24	Mar. 30
DONGOLA ... 8000	Mar. 10	MONGOLIA ... 10000	Apr. 7	Apr. 13
DELTA ... 8000	Mar. 24	MOULTAN ... 10000	Apr. 21	Apr. 27
OCEANA ... 7000	Apr. 7	MARMORA ... 10000	May 5	May 11
ARCADIA ... 7000	Apr. 21	VICTORIA ... 7000	May 20	May 26
DEVANHA ... 8000	May 5	HIMALAYA ... 7000	June 3	June 9
DELHI ... 8000	May 19	INDIA ... 8000	June 17	June 23

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express
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HONGKONG	SINGAPORE	LONDON	
JAPAN ... 4500	Feb. 14	Mar. 23	Mar. 21
SUMATRA ... 5000	Feb. 28	Mar. 9	Apr. 14
NUBIA ... 6000	Mar. 14	Mar. 23	Apr. 28
JAVA ... 4500	Mar. 28	Apr. 6	May 12
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1906.

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REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIMAHU	JAVA	Second half of February	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of February
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Second half of February	JAVA PORTS	Second half of February
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJILALAP	JAPAN	Second half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March

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